

CAROLE

COHEN *for* MAYOR

OF POUGHKEEPSIE

Carole Cohen is Independent She OWES NOTHING to the party bosses.

Mrs. Cohen said:

"A lot of things have recently happened in the city that have contributed to my feeling that I must run for office. City spending, the city debt, high taxes — trends like these have got to be reversed.

Essentially I want to restore economic freedom and property rights... The philosophy of present politicians seems to be that the bigger the government, the better it is. With that philosophy people are being forced out of their homes because they can't pay their taxes and businesses are being forced to close."

Mrs. Cohen, who looks more like a fashion model

than a politician, adds that as a housewife she is very attuned to the problems of citizens.

"I do the grocery shopping, I pay the mortgage and the taxes and I know what it means first hand to be strangled by inflation. I'm not a professional politician. I'm just a person who is very concerned."

Mrs. Cohen said she does not seek tax reform which often means "tax the other guy more and me less." She wants to reduce all taxes by reducing government spending

"It is time to eliminate many government agencies and reduce the govern-

ment's payroll. Poughkeepsie residents are realizing that big government means, waste, inefficiency and above all higher taxes."

Mrs. Cohen resides at 22 Hewlett Road in the 8th Ward with her husband and children, Jennifer 4, and Brock 17 months.

She is a former member of the Dutchess County Artists Association, has taught elementary school art and worked in an occupational therapy program at a state correctional facility.

She is a member of the Mid-Hudson Libertarian Club and the New York state and national Libertarian parties.

You Have A REAL Choice...

REDUCE GOVERNMENT \$ LOWER TAXES

We all know we can't go on another minute with taxes driving us into early graves. We all know government spending is responsible and we all know that nothing will change if we elect another "good old boy."

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✓ **Carole Cohen for Mayor**

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Cohen Raps Housing Subsidy

Carole Cohen, Libertarian candidate for mayor in Poughkeepsie and a candidate for the Conservative party primary Sept. 9, has proposed two solutions to what she calls the public housing "rip off."

"One solution," she said, "is to place all project units and scattered site housing on the open market for private purchase."

"The second solution is to permit current residents of city public housing to use their rents to accumulate equity toward the purchase of their individual apartments — as in a co-operative situation. Pride in ownership could eliminate some of the deplorable conditions that now exist."

"The taxpayers of the City of Poughkeepsie continue to be forced to subsidize public housing that is constantly losing money," Cohen charged.

"Rents in some of the 660 project units are as low as \$57 per month. In 1974 the city taxpayers had to pay almost \$35,000 to help make up the housing authority's deficit. The state subsidy formula pays another percentage of the housing deficit. Again, this money comes right out of the taxpayer's pocket."

cohen wants funds returned

Carole Cohen, Libertarian - Conservative candidate for Mayor of Poughkeepsie has suggested that the city return \$10.8 million in federal funds to its rightful owners - the taxpayers. Carole Cohen said, "I'm horrified to see local politicians and special interest groups clawing over Community Development Funds as though the money were free. In fact,"

Carole Cohen declared, "these funds were confiscated through the federal income tax system, and the money should be returned to its rightful owners - the taxpayers. The money should not be left at the disposal of scheming politicians and warring tribes."

Carole Cohen concluded, "It's time to re-examine the notion that federal money is free money. Nothing is for nothing. Hard-working people are always forced to pay the piper."

Carole Cohen has collected five times the number of signatures needed to enter the Conservative primary for Mayor of Poughkeepsie.

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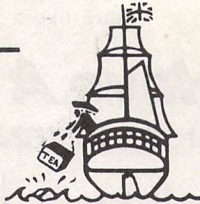
Carol Cohen, Free Libertarian candidate for Mayor of Poughkeepsie, released the following budget-cut recommendations today. Carole Cohen said, "The City of Poughkeepsie is burdened by high taxes and a budget deficit. At the same time, examination of the budget discloses gross waste, inefficiency and unnecessary expenditures. In many instances I have found two agencies performing the same function. I recommend an immediate reduction in the "City Budget of \$193,091.42."

Cohen Criticizes Charter Commission

Carole Cohen, Libertarian candidate for Poughkeepsie mayor, has criticized the Charter Review Commission for failing to "deal with the real problems of the city."

"It seems (the charter commission is) designed to distract the overtaxed, over-regulated residents of the city from the government imposed burdens which are threatening to destroy them," Cohen said.

Cohen said the charter commission should broach "real problems," such as the fact Main Mall has not increased business as promised, or that the city sales tax makes shopping centers more attractive to consumers. Cohen also said increasing school and property taxes are making survival difficult, and that urban renewal has "blighted and destroyed many of the communities of the inner city."



Mrs. Cohen Asks Elderly Tax Cut

Carole Cohen, independent candidate for Poughkeepsie mayor, today proposed a five year plan to eliminate mandatory school and property taxes for city residents over age 65.

Mrs. Cohen, who will appear on the Nov. 4 ballot as a Free Libertarian, said her plans to significantly reduce government spending would allow her to eliminate school and property taxes for older citizens.

"Many of the services and bureaucracies which now exist must be reduced, eliminated, or substituted by private facilities," Mrs. Cohen said. "Not only would this save money, but would allow people the freedom of choice as to services they need."

Mrs. Cohen said five years was a "sensible" period in which to reduce government spending and gradually eliminate school and property taxes for senior citizens.

Mrs. Cohen has proposed budget cuts, sale of the new city hall building, and return of the city's Community Development Program funds to taxpayers as means of reducing government spending.

"I would like to see this plan implemented as soon as possible," Mrs. Cohen said.

Mrs. Cohen is opposed by Democrat Leonard Bard, Republican Robert Ahmed, and Conservative Louie Fiore in the mayoralty contest.

Mrs. Cohen Says City Deteriorating

Carole Cohen, Libertarian for Poughkeepsie mayor, said the recent closing of the Bardavon theater is another example of the city's deterioration.

Other examples mentioned by Cohen are what she calls the "bankruptcy of Luckey's", and the closing of Wallace's two of Poughkeepsie's largest department stores.

The deterioration can be blamed, Mrs. Cohen said, on skyrocketing taxes caused by the tax exempt status of Main Mall and property owned by the Poughkeepsie Urban Renewal Agency.

"I am the only candidate for office in the city who has discussed the causes of our deteriorating city," Mrs. Cohen said. "I'm the only candidate who has proposed countless solutions: 1) elimination of the city sales tax; 2) reduction of school and property taxes; 3) immediate reduction of the city budget by over \$150,000; 4) ending the Poughkeepsie Urban Renewal Agency; 5) putting an end to federal and state mandates which force local taxpayers to dig into their own pockets; and 5) the sale of public housing to private buyers," Cohen said.

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VOTE FOR Carole Cohen for Mayor of Poughkeepsie

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